

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A computer-implemented method of inserting a graphic onto a drawing page of a drawing software module installed on a computer, the method comprising:

configuring by a user the drawing software module to access graphic libraries;
receiving from the user a search term that describes a desired graphic and a selection of at least one of the graphic libraries that the drawing software module has been configured to access;
identifying one or more graphics in the selected graphic libraries that match the received search term;
retrieving from the graphic libraries in which the graphics were identified metadata associated with each of the identified graphics;
displaying to the user the retrieved metadata;
receiving from the user a selection of one of the identified graphics based on the displayed metadata;
retrieving the selected graphic from the graphic library in which the graphic was identified; and
inserting the selected graphic onto the drawing page of the drawing software module.

22. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein the graphic libraries include a private graphic library on a local-area network and a public graphic library on a wide-area network.

23. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein an address for each of the selected graphic libraries is written into a configuration database associated with an operating system of the computer.

24. (New) The method of claim 23 wherein a wide-area network address of a selected graphic library is changed to a local-area network address when the selected graphic library comprises a private graphic database on the local-area network.

25. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein the metadata comprises a representative, abridged image of the graphic.

26. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein at least one of the graphic libraries is located inside a firewall of an enterprise.

27. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein at least one of the selected graphic libraries is located at an intranet site, and wherein the identifying one or more graphics comprises generating a document associated with the identified graphics and transmitting the document to an active server page of an intranet site.

28. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein the configuring includes storing an address of each graphic library.

29. (New) The method of claim 28, further comprising changing a stored address to point to a different graphic library.

30. (New) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for implementing a method of inserting a graphic onto a drawing page of a drawing software program installed on a computer, the method comprising:

configuring by a user the drawing software program to access graphic databases;
receiving from the user a search term that describes a desired graphic and a selection of at least one of the graphic databases that the drawing software program has been configured to access;
identifying one or more graphics in the selected graphic databases that match the received search term;
displaying to the user information associated with each of the identified graphics;
receiving from the user a selection of one of the identified graphics based on the displayed information;
inserting the selected graphic onto the drawing page of the drawing software program from the graphic database in which the graphic was identified.

31. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 30 wherein the configuring includes setting a registry key for each of the graphic databases.

32. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 31, further comprising changing a registry key to point to a different graphic database.

33. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 30 wherein one of the selected graphic databases is an active server page, and wherein the receiving from the user the search term comprises receiving an extensible markup language document that is sent to the active server page.

34. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 30 wherein the method further comprises receiving a uniform resource locator of the desired graphic, and wherein

the inserting comprises downloading the desired graphic according to the uniform resource locator.

35. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 34 wherein at least one of the graphic databases is located on a private network, and wherein the uniform resource locator locates the desired graphic on a server in the private network.

36. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 30 wherein the graphic databases include a private graphic database on a local-area network and a public graphic database on a wide-area network.

37. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 30 wherein the information comprises metadata.

38. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 37 wherein the metadata includes an abridged image of the graphic.

39. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 37 wherein the metadata includes a textual description of the graphic.